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Higher education contributes to edification and individual development, social engagement and critical thinking skills. High-quality education is crucial to strengthening Sweden's competitiveness. It is needed to ensure a well-educated labour force and creates the conditions for research and increased knowledge. Space research and space activities provide great benefit to society. Space research contributes important knowledge in many social and research areas.

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News about higher education, research and space

Government signed Artemis Accords on space exploration

16 April 2024 Minister for Education Mats Persson and US Ambassador Erik D. Ramanathan. Photo: Margareta Stridh/Regeringskansliet

On April 16, Minister for Education Mats Persson signed the Artemis Accords, a set of principles for exploration and conduct in space. This also enables Sweden to take part in the international US-led Artemis campaign.

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[NASA Administrator Bill Nelson on Sweden joining the Artemis Accords](#)

On April 16 Minister for Education Mats Persson signed the Artemis Accords, a set of principles for exploration and conduct in space. During the ceremony NASA Administrator Bill Nelson delivered the following video remarks.

Published 18 April 2024 · [Article](#) from [Mats Persson](#), [Ministry of Education and Research](#)

[Sweden and US strengthen cooperation on research, innovation and education](#)

To improve the conditions for cooperation between Swedish and American universities, research institutions and businesses on research, innovation and education, Vinnova and the Swedish Research Council have signed a five-year memorandum of understanding with the National Science Foundation (NSF) of the United States of America.

Published 18 April 2024 · [Press release](#) from [Ebba Busch](#), [Mats Persson](#), [Ministry of Climate and Enterprise](#), [Ministry of Education and Research](#)

[Speech by Mats Persson at the signing of the Artemis Accords](#)

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[Government signs Artemis Accords on space exploration](#)

Today, Minister for Education Mats Persson signed the Artemis Accords, a set of principles for exploration and conduct in space. This also enables Sweden to take part in the international US-led Artemis campaign.

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[Inquiry on improving conditions for foreign doctoral students and researchers in Sweden and more reliable assessments of resident permits for studies](#)

An inquiry has been tasked with proposing measures to improve the prospects of attracting and retaining foreign doctoral students and researchers in Sweden. The aim is to strengthen Sweden's competitiveness as a research and innovation nation. The inquiry will also review the regulatory framework for residence permits for studies, with the aim of counteracting abuse of study permits.

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[Inter-agency initiative to attract and retain international expertise](#)

The shortage of workers with sought-after skills is one of the main obstacles to growth for companies in Sweden and has also become an obstacle to regional development. In light of this, the Government is allocating SEK 25 million in 2024 to strengthen coordination of the ongoing efforts of eleven government agencies linked to attracting and retaining international expertise.

Published 04 March 2024 · [Press release](#) from [Ebba Busch](#), [Johan Forssell](#), [Johan Pehrson](#), [Ministry for Foreign Affairs](#), [Ministry of Climate and Enterprise](#), [Ministry of Employment](#)

[Strategy for Sweden's trade, investment and global competitiveness](#)

The strategy for Sweden's trade, investment and global competitiveness was presented on 1 December 2023.

Published 16 February 2024 · [Report](#) from [Ministry for Foreign Affairs](#), [Ministry of Climate and Enterprise](#), [Ministry of Education and Research](#)

[Sweden's latest astronaut in space](#)

The Government is looking to advance Sweden's position in the space sector, and overnight Marcus Wandt became the third Swede in space. Following a successful launch from Florida, he began his journey to the International Space Station.

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[Mats Persson visits United States to attend launch of Marcus Wandt space mission](#)

Minister for Education Mats Persson is visiting the United States on 15–20 January to attend the launch of a mission involving Sweden's latest astronaut, Marcus Wandt. Mr Persson will also visit New York for meetings and study visits with a focus on STEM education and research, technology and AI.

Published 15 January 2024 · Updated 18 January 2024 · [Press release](#) from [Mats Persson](#), [Ministry of Education and Research](#)

[Government has adopted a new Strategy for Sweden's Trade, Investment and Global Competitiveness](#)

The Government has adopted a new trade strategy, with the objective of giving Swedish businesses the best possible conditions to both address emerging challenges and of harness business opportunities that arise in the green and digital transition.

Published 13 December 2023 · [Press release](#) from [Ebba Busch](#), [Johan Forssell](#), [Mats Persson](#), [Ministry for Foreign Affairs](#), [Ministry of Climate and Enterprise](#), [Ministry of Education and Research](#)

[Updated Swedish strategy to combat antibiotic resistance](#)

The Swedish Government has adopted an updated strategy to combat antibiotic resistance (AMR). The overarching goal continues to be preserving the possibility of effective treatment of bacterial infections in humans and animals. The strategy will apply until the end of 2025.

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[Increased funding to University of Gothenburg to combat antisemitism](#)

In light of international developments, the Government will increase its support to the University of Gothenburg which, via the Segerstedt Institute, spreads knowledge of working methods to combat antisemitism. This year, the Government will provide another SEK 1 million, and it intends to provide another SEK 3 million to support these efforts in 2024.

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[Sweden provides SEK 75 million to UNESCO to rebuild schools and preschools in Ukraine](#)

The education sector in Ukraine has been severely affected by Russia's full-scale invasion. Since February 2022, more than 3 000 preschools, schools and other educational establishments have been damaged, and 360 have been completely destroyed. Sweden is now providing SEK 75 million to the UNESCO Emergency Fund. The Fund is, among other things, supporting renovation and reconstruction of damaged and destroyed shelters in preschools and schools.

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[Mats Persson and Lotta Edholm visit London](#)

On 26–27 September, Minister for Education Mats Persson and Minister for Schools Lotta Edholm will visit London, where they will meet with their British counterparts. The visit is an opportunity for Sweden and the United Kingdom to exchange knowledge about education issues and strengthen relations between the two countries.

Published 25 September 2023 · [Press release](#) from [Lotta Edholm](#), [Mats Persson](#), [Ministry of Education and Research](#)

[Sweden and the United States strengthen energy research cooperation](#)

Research and innovation promote progress in the energy sector. Minister for Education Mats Persson today signed an implementation agreement for energy research cooperation with the United States. The agreement was signed in the Reactor Hall at KTH Royal Institute of Technology, where research reactor R1 – Sweden's first nuclear reactor – contributed to research between 1954 and 1970.

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[Lund Declaration on Maximising the Benefits of Research Data](#)

The declaration was presented at a conference that the Swedish Presidency hosted together with the Swedish Research Council and Vinnova on research data, and how research infrastructure provides new possibilities and benefits for society. The conference took place in Lund, Sweden, on 19–20 June 2023.

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[UK-Sweden Joint Leaders Statement: 19 June 2023](#)

The UK and Sweden share historic ties of friendship and are essential allies. We have forged a strong partnership, based on shared values and in support of multilateralism and a rules-based international order. We are united in our steadfast commitment to working together for the security and protection of our citizens and to strengthen European security as a whole. This Leaders' Statement celebrates and reasserts the enduring and extensive connections between the United Kingdom and Sweden, which benefit from the agreements between the United Kingdom and the European Union, of which Sweden is a member.

Published 19 June 2023 · [Statement](#) from [Ulf Kristersson](#), [Prime Minister's Office](#)

[Conference in Lund to focus on potential of research data](#)

On 19–20 June, the Swedish Presidency will host a conference together with the Swedish Research Council and Vinnova on research data, and how research infrastructure provides new possibilities and benefits for society.

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[Mats Persson and Lotta Edholm to deliver opening addresses at EU education meetings in Sweden](#)

During the week of 20–24 March, several meetings focusing on education will be held as part of the Swedish Presidency of the Council of the EU. Skills supply, the green transition and education for Ukrainian pupils are among the agenda items. Minister for Education Mats Persson and Minister for Schools Lotta Edholm will both deliver opening addresses.

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[People with visa exemptions to be able to show their original passport](#)

At Thursday's government meeting, the Government tasked the Swedish Migration Agency with making it easier for people with visa exemptions to show their original passport when applying for a temporary residence and work permit.

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